

Report to QCC Academic Senate re UFS Plenary Meeting

DATE: April 1, 2014

TO: QCC Academic Senate

FROM: QCC Faculty Representative to CUNY UFS, Barbara Rome

SUBJECT:

The 380th Plenary Session of The University Faculty Senate of The City University Of New York Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

UFS Chair Terrence Martell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Skylight Room at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

I. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of February 18, 2014

The minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote.

III. Invited Guest, Interim Chancellor William Kelly

The 2014-15 New York State Budget:

- Important improvements in the operating and capital budgets of The City University of New York and innovative programs that strengthen educational opportunities for students. The base aid for the community colleges will be increased by \$75 per full time student and funding was restored for campus child care centers, the Accelerated Study for Associate Programs (ASAP), The Joseph S. Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies, the Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge Program (SEEK) and College Discovery, with both of the latter programs receiving enhancements as well.
- Approval of initiatives to establish a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Scholarship program, offering full tuition scholarships to CUNY or SUNY colleges for the top ten percent of high school graduates who pursue a STEM career and work in New York for five years. Included are efforts to obtain more jobs from employers for inner city youth by coordinating more closely the work of the Job Linkage Program with New York Youth Works. There will be significant campus facilities support ranging from critical maintenance, technology improvements, and campus building programs in all five boroughs of New York City.
- Increased support for the State's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for eligible students starting in 2014-2015 from \$5,000 annually to \$5,165.

Cross campus Initiatives: is an attempt to leverage the size, diversity, geographical reach, and physical resources of CUNY

- a collaborative venture among CUNY theater departments to hire performing artists who will rotate among several campuses, offering credit-bearing “master classes” in dance, playwriting, and directing;
- a collaborative venture between CUNY theater, music, and dance departments and performing arts center directors to sponsor dance troupes, music ensembles, and theater companies that will “tour” CUNY theaters;
- a CUNY-wide intersession “boot-camp” course to prepare students who have taken pre-calculus in a community college and have enrolled to take calculus in a senior college;
- a CUNY Faculty Leadership Program for campus leaders and/or faculty who are contemplating a move into academic administration; and
- a competitive fellowship program which awards two courses of release time for community college faculty engaged in scholarly research.

Obama ranking system for college 11 four-year CUNY colleges rank top and 36 Community Colleges rank in top half. (addresses: access, affordability, outcomes).

Interim Chancellor William Kelly entertained questions

IV. A. Reports Standing Committees: (see attachments)

Academic Freedom
Libraries and Information Technology
Status of the Faculty
Student Affairs

B. Admissions and Enrollment Practices at CUNY Colleges Presentation by Kathleen Baker: FGL Survey on Campus Admissions and Enrollment Practices at CUNY (see attached report)

C. Announcement of the annual Feliks Gross Awards

Ian Alberts Natural Sciences LaGuardia
Cory Dean Physics CCNY
Mark Lewis History CSI
Daniel Margocsy History Hunter
Tara Zanardi Art & Art History Hunter
Matthew Lasner Urban Affairs & Planning Hunter

D. Chair

Higher Education in the Prisons by Emily Tai Resolution Be it resolved that the members of the UFS Committee on Higher Education in the Prisons strongly endorse Governor Cuomo’s initiative to offer funding for college programs in ten New York Prisons; and Be it resolved that the members of the UFS Committee in Higher Education in the Prisons request an endorsement of Governor Cuomo’s initiative from the full body of the City University Faculty Senate.

V. Nominations for Officers and Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee

Chair: Terrance Martell

Vice Chair: Karen Kaplowitz

Secretary: Kay Conway; Kathleen Barker

Treasury: Phillip Pecorino

Members at large: Manfred Philips, Peter Brass, Emily Tai, Michael Barnhart, Jay Weiser, Jason Young

VI. New Business – Resolution on Higher Education in the Prisons

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.